

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified Application is respectfully requested. Claims 16 - 18 are in the case. Claims 1 - 12 and 19 were previously canceled. Claims 13 - 15 have been canceled herein.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claims 16 - 18.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 13 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Schrock, these claims have been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. It is therefore respectfully requested that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 13 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Schrock, these claims have been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. It is therefore respectfully requested that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 13 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Schrock in view of Myers, these claims have been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. It is therefore respectfully requested that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection of Claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Schrock, or Schrock and Myers, and further in view of Fritz, this claim has been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. It is therefore respectfully requested that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

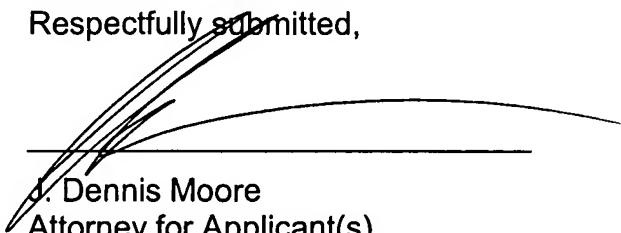
It is respectfully submitted that the claims recite the patentably distinguishing features of the invention and that, taken together with the above remarks, the present application is now in proper form for allowance. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, and allowance of the claims are requested at an early date.

While it is believed that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or

suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, the Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees to the Deposit Account No. 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated.

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